

25-year-old KNUST student sentenced to 10 years in prison for robbery

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A twenty-five year old third year chemistry student of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) has been sentenced to 10 years in hard labour for robbing a fellow student.

Nana Yaw Kennedy Abrokwa was handed the sentence by the Kumasi Circuit Court presided over by Mrs Mary Nsenkyire on Thursday.

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He pleaded guilty to one count of robbery and was convicted on his own plea by the court.

Facts of the case

According to the facts of the case as was presented by Chief Inspector (C/Inspector) Felix Akowuah, both the complainant and convict were students of KNUST.

He said while the convict was studying chemistry, the complainant was pursuing a course in Law.

He said on March 19, 2016 between the hours of 6 and 6:30 am, the complainant, Miss Ruby Akua Bour-Donkor, a resident of Gaza Hostel on campus, was on her way to the gym at Ayeduase, close to the university.

C/Inspector Akowuah said on reaching a section of the road popularly known as Mango Road, the convict, who was a non-residential student, emerged from the bush and ordered her to surrender her phone to him.

Without waiting for her to comply, he said Abrokwa hit her with his hand and snatched the phone and her sports bag from her hand containing an Iphone 4 phone; ATM card, driver license, \$300 and GHC20.00 and other personal items and run into the nearby bush.

C/Inspector Akowuah said the complainant raised an alarm which attracted people to the scene and the university security man detailed at the Botanic Garden informed about the incident.

According to him, few hours later, the security man managed to arrest the convict at his hideout at the Botanic Garden and had the bag of the complainant with some of the contents on him.

He said Abrokwa later led the security man and other witnesses to where he disposed of the driver's licence, the ATM card and other ID cards in the garden.

Abrokwa was later handed over to the KNUST police and the complainant also identified the items to be hers.

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